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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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TITLE: HEARING AID DEVICE THAT CAN BE WORN IN THE EAR WITH A HOUSING

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.



EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of references AL and AM was discussed in the Specification, and were also cited during the prosecution of the corresponding European patent application and classified in category "A" and "D". Reference AM is in English, so no further commentary on its teaching is required. Reference AN is an English language international patent application corresponding with reference AL.

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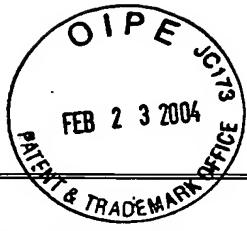
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